

#### **Summer 2018**

## SilverLining

**Nevada Talking Book Services** 

## **Nevada Talking Book Services Turns 50**

This year, as we celebrate 50 years of service to eligible Nevadans, we are sharing stories from the past. The second one, below, is from a long-time employee, Cheryl Mathwig.

I worked in the Talking Books library from November of 1986 until May 1994 when I became the ADA Coordinator for the department. Staff consisted of a librarian, Leslie Hester (Peterson), a library assistant (me) and a part-time student. We also had 20 to 25 volunteers.

When I started, the library was on Arrowhead Drive. We were open to the public noon to 5 p.m. but worked 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After we moved to the Stewart Street building, we were then open to the public 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

I did everything. I provided a full range of library services from explaining the program to clients and general public to evaluating client's needs. I also tracked machine lending activities and compiled client, machine, and circulation statistics. I trained new employees and volunteers and made outreach visits to libraries across the state to supply them with equipment and books. Visiting libraries and schools was the most fun. I also contacted eye doctors across the state to make sure they knew about our program.

In the 80's we chose books for patrons manually. All our books were marked with colored dots to indicate a genre. When a patron returned a book, we saved the mail card, so we knew who needed a book. We had a file on every patron of their preferences and book numbers. Eventually, we got computer (continued on page 2)

## **Eligibility**

Persons unable to read or use print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation

## **Talking Books**

#### Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. Closed State Holidays (continued from previous page)

software that helped automate the process.

The biggest part of the job was checking each cassette to be sure it was rewound, pulling books, and shelving. The biggest challenge was learning about computers. The most stressful part was moving to the new building on Stewart Street in late 1991.

The librarian kept a cupboard full of tea and cookies and each day we took an afternoon break with the volunteers. Out of all the jobs I've had, working in Talking Books was my favorite. I have a lot of great memories. TB was really fulfilling, and it never felt like a job.

### **New Web Site**

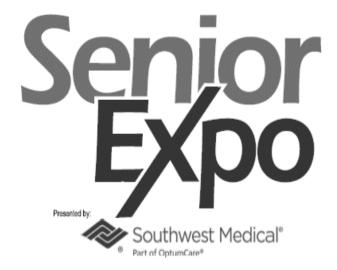
You may have noticed our web site has been redesigned and has a new web address. It contains the same information but in different places. If you have trouble finding something, please give us a call.

The new url is https://nsla.libguides.com/ntbs/home

## **Senior Expo**

## Up to 75 vendors who will help

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- Enhance
- Inform seniors, on the latest
  - Products
  - Services
  - Opportunities, to make life
    - \* Simpler
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Taking place in the Las Vegas area from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at these locations and dates:

Summerlin: Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at the Suncoast Casino

**Henderson:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at the Sunset Station Casino **Northwest:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at the Santa Fe Station Casino

For more information contact Pro Expo, Inc., at 702-331-1350, 8515 Edna Ave. Ste. 260, Las Vegas, NV 89117.

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## **New Nevada Titles**

## Tales From the Silver State I, II and III

DBC08374, DBC13304, DBC08383

Edited by: Warren, Richard J.

Narrated by: Milley Solley

These volumes contain short fiction stories. Each story takes place in Nevada and involves a quest for adventure or self-awareness. The stories are by authors from the Las Vegas Writers' Group. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2014, 2015, 2016

## Fishing for Ghosts: Twelve Short Stories

**DBC04793** 

By: Brown, Richard E.

Narrated by: Bill Andrews

Warm, tender, humorous, and sometimes sad, these 12 distinct yet related stories intertwine common themes in a variety of ways. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 1994

## White Pine County: Where the Great Basin Highway Meets the Loneliest Road in America

DBC08394

By: Graham, Andrea

Narrated by Carol Kalleres

A documentary on traditional ways of life and local culture of White Pine County from ethnic to occupational to spiritual and religious traditions. 2003

## A Reporter at Large: Dateline--Pyramid Lake, Nevada

DBC08390

by Liebling, A. J.; Rusco, Elmer R.

Narrated by Bill Andrews

Journalist A. J. Liebling recorded the

bitter dispute raging between the Paiutes and non-Indian squatters claiming the most agriculturally productive lands of the reservation and the waters feeding Lake Pyramid,

Nevada, in the 1950s. These essays provide

a valuable record of one of Nevada's most enduring and significant debates over the uses of the land and the precious water that nourishes it. 2000

# Academic Freedom Imperiled: The McCarthy Era at the University of Nevada

**DBC13307** 

By Kille, J. Dee.

Narrated by Don Scott

Accounting of the whirlwind of issues of McCarthyism, academic freedom, and the rights of students and faculty around which the controversies of the 1950s' spun on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno. 2004

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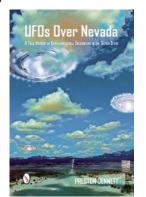
## UFO's Over Nevada: A True History of Extraterrestrial Encounters in the Silver State

DBC08377

By Dennett, Preston E. Narrated by Millie Solley

This book is about Nevada and its history

of interplanetary chance meetings. Read about the country singer Johnny Sands' visit with an extraterrestrial outside Las Vegas, the 1962 UFO crash over Las Vegas and the super-secret Area 51. 2014



# Son of a Gambling Man: My Journey from a Casino Family to the Governor's Mansion

**DBC04778** 

By Miller, Bob

Narrated by Millie Solley

A memoir of former Nevada Governor Bob Miller's life from the 1950's as a child growing up in Las Vegas, his law school days, working in the Las Vegas District Attorney's office, becoming a Justice of the Peace and finally the longest serving governor. Includes information regarding his father, an illegal bookmaker from Chicago, whose success is due to his ability to navigate the mob and criminal underworld in Las Vegas. 2013

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